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SUBJECT: LEADER OF HISTADRUT LIKUD FACTION REBUFFED ON
NEW LIKUD PENSION

1. YORAM ARIDOR, HEAD OF THE LIKUD FACTION IN HISTADRUT AND KNESSET MEMBER, APPEARED BEFORE THE HISTADRUT SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ON JAN 26 AND SUBMITTED THE LIKUD PENSION PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE KNESSET AND WHICH PASSED ITS FIRST READING ON JAN 19. HIS PROGRAM CALLS FOR FREEZING MEMBERSHIP IN HISTADRUT AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL PENSION AND SOCIAL INSURANCE FUNDS AND FOR PLACING ALL NEW ENTRANTS INTO THE LABOR FORCE UNDER NATIONAL INSURANCE INSTITUTE COVERAGE. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD GRADUALLY REMOVE FROM HISTADRUT ITS PRESENT CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL SOCIAL INSURANCE AND WEAKEN ITS ROLE IN DETERMINING GENERAL WELFARE POLICY AND THE LEVELS AND QUALITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES. ARIDOR CLAIMS THAT THE LIKUD PENSION PLAN WOULD NOT AFFECT ALL THOSE PRESENTLY COVERED BY HISTADRUT, GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SOCIAL INSURANCE SYSTEMS, BUT WOULD SERVE PRINCIPALLY TO MAKE SUCH COVERAGE UNIVERSAL BY EXTENDING IT TO AN ADDITIONAL HALF MILLION ISRAELIS. THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE REJECTED THE PLAN, AND ACCORDING

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TO HISTADRUT SOURCES ITS CHANCES OF BEING PASSED BY THE KNESSET ARE VIRTUALLY NIL.

2. LABOR PARTY AND ALIGNMENT CIRCLES APPEARED DELIGHTED WITH THIS TURN OF EVENTS, BECAUSE THEY FEEL THIS WILL NOW GIVE THEM A NON-FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE WITH WHICH TO ATTACK THE LIKUD. THEY HOPE TO GAIN

NOT ONLY VOTES IN THE JUNE HISTADRUT ELECTION AS A
RESULT OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT TO PROFIT FROM IT
ALSO DURING THE MAY KNESSET ELECTION CAMPAIGN. LABOR
PARTY LEADERS IN THE HISTADRUT FEEL THAT MAINTAINING
INTACT THE WELFARE FUNCTIONS OF THE HISTADRUT REMAINS
A POWERFUL IDEOLOGICAL ISSUE ON WHICH TO APPEAL TO THE ENTIRE
TRADITIONAL LABOR-SOCIALIST ESTABLISHMENT.
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